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1. UGANDA --

SYG WALDHEIM MET WITH UGANDAN PERMREP KINENE AND, ACCORDING TO UN SPOKESMAN, KINENE IS HIMSELF RETURNING TO UGANDA WITH SYG'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION. (USUN 579)

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2. SECURITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE FOR MARCH --

WHEN AMB YOUNG (MARCH SC PRESIDENT) CALLED ON SC SECRETARY GLEISSNER AND USYG SHEVCHENKO THEY NOTED THAT THE REPORT OF THE MISSION TO BENIN SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH BY MARCH 8 BUT TRANSLATIONS INTO OTHER WORKING LANGUAGES WOULD TAKE ANOTHER WEEK BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF THE REPORT. THUS, CONSULTATIONS ON THIS WOULD FALL INTO MIDDLE OF MARCH. SHEVCHENKO OBSERVED THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY ON SYG'S REPORT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP. HE UNDERSTOOD NONALIGNED COORDINATING GROUP RECOMMENDED LATE MARCH SC MEETINGS ON APARTHEID, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE AFRICAN GROUP HAD ENDORSED IT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 573)

3. BENIN'S COMPLAINT --

USUN LEARNED IN CONFIDENCE THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT AMONG MEMBERS OF SC VISITING MISSION TO BENIN THAT COUP ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MOUNTED FROM EXTERIOR, AND WHAT WAS MOST SURPRISING WAS APPARENT CARELESSNESS OF MERCENARIES ENGAGED IN OPERATION. CARTON MARKED "GRENADES" CONTAINED PERSONNEL IDENTITY PAPERS AND WAS MISTAKENLY OFF-LOADED UPON LANDING AND LEFT BEHIND IN HASTE OF DEPARTURE. FROM DOCUMENTS IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 OF 100 COMMANDOS INVOLVED "WERE EUROPEANS WHO SPOKE FRENCH FLUENTLY." A COLONEL "MAURIN," NE GILBERT VORGEAU, FORMER HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD IN GABON, REPORTEDLY HEAD-DE THE UNIT, SUPPORTED BY A BENINESE DISSIDENT NAME OUAKU. SOURCE BELIEVED FLIGHT TO COTONOU ORIGINATED AND TERMINATED IN

GABON, BUT THAT TROOPS WERE TRAINED IN MARRAKECH. SOURCE
SHARED MISOFF'S CONCERN THAT BENIN USED UN MISSION TO UNDER-
WRITE ITS CLAIMS AND WILL HOPE TO USE EVENTUAL SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION TO JUSTIFY FURTHER INTERNAL REPRESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL --
USUN 578)

4. COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

THE COMMITTEE'S CONTACT GROUP COMPLETED CONSIDERATION FEB.
25 AND 28 OF SECTION VIII OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CONSOLIDATED
TEXT CONCERNING SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES. IN DISCUSSION OF
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FUNCTION AND
THE PLANNING AND PROGRAM FUNCTION, EC-9 WOULD ACCEPT NOTHING
MORE AT THIS POINT THAN A "CLOSE INTERRELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN
THE TWO. DISCUSSION CONCERNING UNIT FOR SERVICING MEETINGS
AND FOLLOW-UP BECAME CONFUSED, AND CONCLUDED WITH CHAIRMAN
NOTING AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR SYG TO IMPROVE THE PREPARATORY
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SERVICING FOR MEETINGS AND THE MONITORING AND FOLLOW-UP OF
THEM. CONTENTIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING A DEPUTY TO THE SYG FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (A "DIRECTOR GENERAL") PROPOSED BY SUDAN,
THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM, AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES WERE POSTPONED
FOR LATER CONSIDERATION. THE SUDANESE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN SUPPORT-
ED STRONGLY BY CANADA, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, EGYPT, FINLAND,
NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND AND PORTUGAL; USSR, POLAND AND JAPAN OPPOSED
IT; AND USDEL, JOINED BY EC-9 SPOKESMAN, SAID THAT WHILE ALL
OPTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE CONTACT GROUP IS NOT READY
YET TO DECIDE THIS ISSUE. INCONCLUSIVE CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN
TO THE NORWEGIAN OFFER TO HOST THE MAY 16-27 SESSION OF THE
CONTACT GROUP IN OSLO, AND THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO
GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICTING
MEETINGS OF OTHER COMMITTEES, (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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5. UN CHARTER REVIEW --

UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP, IN CLOSED MEETING FEB. 28, CONSIDERED PARAGRAPHS 82-92 OF SECRETARIAT STUDY ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ). DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION PARTICIPATED IN BY 17 DELEGATIONS, BELGIUM NOTED MANY MEASURES WHICH EXIST IN CHARTER FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ARE NOT UTILIZED AND CALLED FOR STUDY OF REASONS FOR NON-USE. US AGREED ON NEED FOR PREVENTIVE MEASURES BEFORE DISPUTES REACH CRITICAL STAGE (AS ADVOCATED BY ROMANIA AND OTHERS), BUT DOUBTED THAT NEW INSTITUTIONS ALONE WOULD AMELIORATE NEED SINCE THERE ARE MANY STATES THAT SIMPLY ARE NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION BY SUBMITTING DISPUTES TO THIRD PARTY ARBITRATION. IN ANY EVENT, USDEL STATED, REASONS FOR LACK

OF USE OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS NEED CLARIFICATION BEFORE UN EMBARKS ON CREATING NEW ONES. UK SUGGESTED THE COMMITTEE SHOULD EXAMINE REASONS WHY DISPUTES ARE NOT TAKEN TO THE ICJ, AND COLOMBIA, PHILIPPINES, GREECE AND THE US AGREED.

ON MARCH 1, THE WORKING GROUP COVERED PARAGRAPHS 93-102 OF THE SECRETARIAT STUDY CONCERNING ICJ AND ECOSOC. MEXICO LED OFF BY CHARGING THAT ICJ HAD SHOWN INSENSITIVITY TO OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS AND UN GUIDANCE AND THAT NEW STATES DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT JUDICIAL APPLICATION OF OLD LAW. US DISAGREED STRONGLY WITH NOTION THAT DICHOTOMY EXISTS BETWEEN ROLE OF ICJ AS LEGAL INSTITUTION AND ROLE OF ICJ AS PART OF UN, AND ATTACKED STATEMENTS RE EXISTING LAW AS IGNORING, INTER ALIA, CODIFICATION BY UN IN LAST 15 YEARS AS WELL AS JURISPRUDENCE OF ICJ. OTHER COMMENTS ON ICJ INCLUDED SOVIET OBSERVATION THAT REWORDING OF CHARTER WOULD NOT ENHANCE THE COURT'S EFFICIENCY, AND ITALIAN VIEW THAT THE SC MUST REMAIN MAIN BODY TO DEAL WITH DISPUTES THAT THREATEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. UK FAVORED ENCOURAGING NATIONS TO INCLUDE IN MULTILATERAL TREATIES

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STIPULATIONS THAT DISPUTES OF INTERPRETATION BE SETTLED BY ICJ, AND ITALY SUGGESTED AMENDING CHARTER AND ICJ STATUTES SO THAT STATES COULD USE COURT TO GET ADVISORY OPINIONS. IN SPEAKING OF ECOSOC PARAGRAPHS, ROMANIA, MEXICO AND ECUADOR ALL ENDORSED NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND MEXICO ADDED CERDS BUT NOTED RESERVATIONS OF MANY STATES ABOUT CERDS LEFT ITS JURIDICAL STATUS IN DOUBT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 580, 581)

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6. SYG'S REPORT CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST --

THE SYG'S REPORT (S/12290) ON HIS CONTACTS WITH ALL PARTIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE STATES THAT THE MOST IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTY IS THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE, AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES IS TOO FUNDAMENTAL TO BE BRIDGED BY PROCEDURAL DEVICES. THE SYG ALSO DISCUSSED TIMING OF THE CONFERENCE, TERMS OF REFERENCE, AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK, AND POSSIBLE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS, AND REPORTED ON HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CO-CHAIRMEN. THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT THAT ALL CONCERNED ARE EARNESTLY DESIROUS OF MOVING TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, HE WROTE, ADDING THAT IN THE EXISTING SITUATION, LACK OF COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING PRESENTS A MAJOR OBSTACLE IN THE WAY

OF EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE
AREA. EXPRESSING BELIEF THAT CERTAIN CHANGES IN ATTITUDE
ON ALL SIDES WOULD BE NECESSARY, HE REFERRED TO THE ATTITUDE
OF THE PLO TOWARD ISRAEL AS REFLECTED IN THE PALESTINE
NATIONAL CHARTER AND THE ATTITUDE OF ISRAEL TOWARD THE
PLO. IF THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS
IS NOT SEIZED, THERE IS GRAVE DANGER THAT THE SITUATION
WILL DETERIORATE WITH INCALCULABLE CONSEQUENCES NOT ONLY
FOR THE MIDDLE EAST BUT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
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AS A WHOLE, THE SYG STATED.

7. COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS --

BY NOTE, THE SYG INFORMED USUN THAT THE NEXT SESSION OF
THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN APRIL 4,
AT WHICH TIME IT WILL REVIEW THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR
1977 AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE 32ND GA. (USUN A-167)

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